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SUBJ: LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH MR. WILLIAM BIERMANN, MANAGER,
EASTERN AIRLINES, BAHAMAS

A FEW MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST EMERGED OUT OF THE
ABOVE SUBJECT CONVERSATION:

A) BIERMANN TOLD ME THAT, SOMEWHAT TO HIS PERSONAL
SURPRISE, HE HAD JUST LEARNED THAT EASTERN IS NOT REPEAT
NOT GOING TO ATTEMPT TO PICK UP THE ADDITIONAL PASSENGER
TRAFFIC WHICH WOULD RESULT IF PAN AM'S REQUEST FOR CAN-
CELLATION OF FLIGHTS TO THE BAHAMAS IS APPROVED (SEE STATE
037117). ACCORDING TO BIERMANN, EASTERN DOES NOT HAVE EXCESS
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND IS APPARENTLY UNWILLING TO PURCHASE
OR OTHERWISE FIND ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT. HIS ASSUMPTION IS
THAT DELTA WILL PICK UP THE EXCESS IN ITS ENTIRETY, ALTHOUGH
HE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THIS IS IN FACT PLANNED BY
DELTA.

B) BIERMANN BELIEVES THAT THE FREEPORT PRECLEARANCE PROPOSAL
MAY HAVE RUN INTO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT.

C) BAHAMASAIR, ACCORDING TO BIERMANN, (AND TO SOME EXTENT
RUMORED IN THE LOCAL PRESS) IS SHORTLY GOING TO ANNOUNCE A
MAJOR RETRENCHMENT. ASIDE FROM LOSS OF JOBS AND DE FACTO
ADMISSION BY GOVERNMENT THAT AS CONSTITUTED THE GOVERNMENT-
OWNED BAHAMASAIR IS IN BAD SHAPE, IF RETRENCHMENT INVOLVES

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REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF SERVICE TO OUT ISLANDS, THIS COULD

HAVE HIGHLY ADVERSE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS FOR RULING PLP.
D) BIERMANN SAYS THAT HE HAS HEARD FAIRLY RELIABLY THAT
AMBASSADOR JOHNSON WILL BE RETURNING FROM WASHINGTON IN MARCH
TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE IN NASSAU.
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